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In re Appln. of: Renato B. Slave et al.

Appln. No.: 10/797,974

Filed: March 11, 2005

For: STEERING MECHANISM ASSEMBLY
FOR AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES

Attorney Docket No: 10541-1923

Examiner:

Art Unit: 3611

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; copy of References cited;
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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$150=			+\$300=	
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Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
GB 0409630	12/14/1933	Great Britain
GB 1074357	07/05/1967	Great Britain
GB 1406268	09/17/1975	Great Britain
EP 0416188 A1	03/13/1991	Europe

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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